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 Case Docket No. 38195.54
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For: BINDER

☐ Applicant(s) claim(s) benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of United States provisional application No. _____ filed _____

Enclosed are:

- ☐ 68 Pages of Specification
- ☐ 42 Sheet(s) of drawings (☒ formal ☐ informal)
- ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney ☐ Will follow.
- ☒ Form PTO-1595 and an Assignment of the invention LIHIT LAB., INC. at 1-22, Noninbashi 1-chome, Chuo-ku, Osaka-shi, Osaka-fu, JAPAN
☐ Will follow
- ☒ A certified copy of Japanese Patent Appln. Nos. 2002-311772 filed on October 25, 2002; 2003-152410 filed on May 29, 2003; and 2003-190647 filed on July 2, 2003, from which priority is claimed in the subject case pursuant to Rule 55b and 35 U.S.C. 119. ☐ Will follow
- ☒ Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO 1449, and _ cited reference(s).
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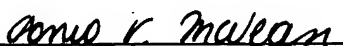
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